GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Rearing of Livestock
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has estimated and calculated that livestock farming/rearing would be a game changer and would provide healthy diets for the citizens of the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of households which have increased their income level in rural areas by adopting the white revolution/milk production in the country;
(c) whether the Government is considering to introduce group farming as well as private participation in this process to increase the milk production and rural income in the country;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the milk production to develop the rural areas of the country?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)
(a) and (b) As reported by Indian Council of Agricultural Research no research work on estimation and calculation of livestock farming/rearing which would be a game changer and provide healthy diets for the citizen of the country has been conducted. ICAR has further elaborated that according to National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) report key indicators of Agricultural households in India in agricultural year 2012-13 more than 71% farm households in the country are engaged in livestock rearing and they obtain 12% of their total income from livestock activities.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. However, Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying & Fisheries is implementing "Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme" (DEDS) with the objective of promotion of private investment in dairy sector in order to increase the Milk Production in the country and helping in poverty reduction through self employment opportunities.

(e) In order to supplement and complement the efforts made by the States to increase milk production to develop rural areas of the country Government is implementing following programmes: a) National Programme for Bovine Breeding & Dairy Development b) Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme c) National Dairy Plan-I d) National Livestock Mission e) Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme

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